

Appl. No. : 09/618,209
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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 and 11 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Application No. 09/618,765. In response, Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer with respect to this Application, and respectfully submits that the basis of this rejection has been removed.

Applicant submits that the filing of a terminal disclaimer to obviate a rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting is not an admission regarding the propriety of the rejection. *See* M.P.E.P § 804.02.

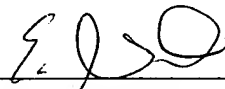
Summary

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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